

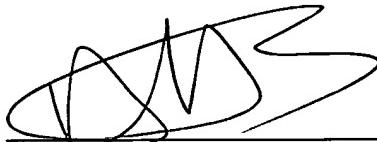
REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of June 13, 2006. Claims 1-16, 20-21 and 23-33 have been cancelled. Claims 17, 18, 19 and 22 are pending in this case. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Without acquiescing in the Examiner's rejections and to expedite prosecution, all rejected claims have been cancelled. The remaining claims 17-19 and 22 have been indicated as allowable over the prior art. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims or claims of similar scope in one or more continuation applications.

Based on the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if it appears that a telephone conference would facilitate allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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